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Modern Furniture and Period Decor Auction Debuts at Michaan's

Michaan's Auctions has joined two departments to forge a one-of-a kind sale. Modern artisan furniture will be combined with American and European furniture and decorations, creating an auction sure to peak the interest of a multitude of buyers. Over 225 lots will comprise the sale with a large selection of Tiffany Studios, Meissen and Art Nouveau styles to choose from. Modern furniture will feature pieces from names such as Frank Lloyd Wright, Arthur Umanoff, George Nelson, Hans Wegner, Paul Laszlo and Finn Juhl. The auction will be held on June 8, 2012 at 10 a.m. in Michaan's Auctions main gallery with previews beginning on June 1st until the day of sale.

Two different, yet equally exceptional, pieces from Tiffany Studios are among the highlighted lots for sale. A Tiffany Studios Spider lamp is beautiful in its dark accents and simple, angular, clean design (lot 1123, \$30,000-50,000). In contrast is lot 1125, a Tiffany Studios poinsettia favrile glass and bronze table lamp. Flowers form a continuous design encircling the shade, blooming in lovely jewel tones. The graceful, ornate body features three cylindrical feet that add a delightful quality to the piece (\$30,000-40,000). Both lamps and their shades are stamped with authentic Tiffany Studio marks.

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Another beautiful decorative item for sale lies in a Gallé cameo glass vase. The vase depicts a tranquil landscape scene of a forest framing a mountain and lake. The pilgrim form vase is fashioned in gray colored glass with a shade variation that transitions from pale green to blue. The color palette of the scene is wonderfully complimentary and includes forest green, brown, purple, black and blue. The signed vase measures approximately 19 inches in height and is being offered as lot 1129 with an estimate of \$7,000-9,000.

A saxophone identified as belonging to Charlie Parker is being offered as lot 1185 (\$30,000-35,000). Jazz historian Bob Dietsche has researched details in the interesting saga of the Parker saxophone, with all facts pointing to the validity of Parker's ownership of it. Charlie Parker is a name synonymous with jazz royalty. Parker was a jazz saxophonist credited with helping to create and develop a music style known as bebop. Bebop became one of America's most important and successful artistic movements with Parker as one of its founding fathers.

A wide variety of clocks will be offered in the sale including a French Champeve enamel gilt bronze mantle clock (lot 1084, \$12,000-15,000). The clock features depictions of amorini and painted muses as well as numerous other desirable design elements. A band of paste diamonds frame the dial and a pendulum decorated with a star adorns the early 20th century clock, measuring 16 1/2 x 9 3/4 x 6 inches.

The auction's modern and contemporary furniture is designed by prominent American, Danish, Italian and Swedish artisans. An outstanding lot sure to draw strong collector interest lies in an extremely rare Frank Lloyd Wright table and six chairs (lot 1200, \$80,000-100,000). Produced in 1903, the set is understood to be one of only two made. Wright was specifically sought after to commission the prototype, which ended up in the possession of a fortunate consignor whose grandfather was a furniture manufacturer. Genius in its simplicity and streamlined design, the Wright lot should entice intense bidder competition.

Michaan's Auctions is also offering an outstanding Hans Wegner old growth teak draw leaf table purchased in Copenhagen in 1957 as lot 1249 (\$1,500-2,000). Yet another rare find is seen in a Finn Juhl Chieftains oak chair circa 1949 (lot 1248, \$3,000-6,000). Also highlighted are two Knoll manufactured lots. A Mies van der Rohe Barcelona daybed is being offered as lot 1205 and is in excellent condition (\$2,000-4,000). The bed boasts a solid teak frame, brown leather upholstery and chrome legs, originally designed in 1929. A Knoll Saarinen Tulip table is also available, conservatively priced at \$300-500 (lot 1210).

Rounding out the sale is a grouping of sixteen Arthur Umanoff wood serving pieces, a J. Risley three piece wrought iron set consisting of a chair, ottoman and

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side table, a Satterini rug and a Peter Huidt leather sofa. A not to be missed event, the sale is a wonderful opportunity to add top tier furniture objects to your collection or living space.

The illustrated auction catalog will be on-line for review at www.michaans.com. For more information please visit our website or call the front desk at (510) 740-0220.

About Michaan's Auctions

Michaan's Auctions is a leading full service auction house on the West Coast. Specializing in the appraisals and sale of antiques and fine art, Michaan's has specialists in the fields of Furniture and Decorative Arts, Modern, Contemporary Art, European and American Paintings and Prints, Jewelry, Asian Works of Art and Ethnographic Art.

Established in 2002, Michaan's Auctions holds up to thirty sales each year attracting a broad base of buyers and consignors from all over the world. With one of the largest facilities in Northern California and the Bay Area's lowest buyers premium Michaan's offers buyers and sellers the opportunity to preview and bid on many unique and desirable property. Some of these pieces realized world record prices. In 2005 A.D.M. Cooper's oil painting, Three Graces 1915, sold for a record \$21,060 and an Eduard Gaertner oil, German City Street Scene 1831, sold for \$266,000.

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